
Farmers Market

From : Adus Dorsey <adus@wayne.utah.gov>

Fri, Mar 01, 2024 04:25 PM

Subject : Farmers Market**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov

Torrey Town Council The Farmers market, not just an event but an experience.

For the umpteenth year the farmers market in Torrey has packed center street with an array of bargain seekers and vendors, whether it be Randy's Caineville garden specialties or his wood fired oven bread. Then there is all the other vendors pedaling their wares like the bazaars in days of old. Ben, of Ben's Hens is a mainstay as well entertainment performed by as famous musicians as you will find anywhere.

In recent times the Farmers Market location and the challenges it brings with it every Saturday afternoon in the summer has become a hot topic.

True, parking and bounteous crowds mingling near and around Main and Center Street are a safety concern. The poor little green fellow stationed in the middle of Highway 24 with his stick and flag cautioning people to slow down often finds himself in a dangerous position and shutters and spins when big rigs pass him by.

As good for the community that the Farmer's Market is, it is clearly evident that it has outgrown the center street location. Torrey's Main Street is a narrow two lane highway and a main transportation corridor. In the event of an emergency, responding emergency personnel and vehicles surely would find Downtown Torrey congested on Farmers Market Day hindering a speedy emergency response.

Torrey Town has done a great job sprucing up the Town Park which is a pleasant short walk from the present Farmers Market location and would make an ideal, and pristine site for customers and families to enjoy the Farmers Market experience.

Adus

Karen does the Farmers Market carry their own insurance or does the town cover costs and liability.

Sent from my iPhone

Torrey Farmers Market

From : Barb Walkush <barb.walkush@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 12:43 PM

Subject : Torrey Farmers Market**To :** contact@torreyutah.gov

Sent from my iPad

Dear Torrey Town Council,

The Torrey Farmers Market is the highlight of our week. It is a chance to buy fresh produce so important to a healthy balanced diet, a chance to visit with neighbors for a sense of community, a chance to hear lovely music to brighten our day, a chance to buy homemade bread and cheese.

We take our houseguests there often too. I believe that tourists depart our area with a wonderful feeling about Torrey and an increased desire to return.

Location is very important. The current location is the best spot. It is visible to people driving by. This is key to the success of the market. The market is a jewel for Torrey. It also helps make Torrey into a coveted tourist destination. It is good revenue for Torrey but even more importantly, it is a major source of community support. Vendors are also valuable ambassadors. The Market also supports many Wayne County residents who rely on that income.

LOCATION, LOCATED, LOCATION. For the Farmers Market to be successful, its current location is a must.

Thank you for your time and dedication.

Barb Walkush

6 March 2024

Torrey Town Council,

I am writing in support of the current location of 10 North Center Street for the Wayne County Farmers' Market. It is the only appropriate location. Others will share their reasons, and I will share a few of my reasons. Reminder, I speak for myself and only myself.

1. This location overwhelmingly maximizes the visibility needed to catch the eye of passing tourists and visitors. When they see the activity next to Center Street, it will encourage them to stop, socialize, and ultimately spend money at both the Market and the Mainstreet businesses. This Public location provides ample Public Parking next to public roads. In addition, this location minimizes the direct impact on Private Property, Citizens, and other Businesses.
2. Another location would lead to lower Market attendance and, therefore, less tourist money staying in Wayne County. Ultimately, another location would simply lead to the end of the Market.
3. The working relationship between the Market (Private) and Torrey Town (Public) is mutually beneficial. More tourists who stop = more money spent = more Special Event Sales Tax collected for Torrey Town Coffers to pay for any impact on Public Right Aways. In addition, Center and Main Street Business will benefit from increased tourist traffic which = more Sales Tax collected.
4. We can't mine, drill, or log. Tourists, and Weekend Visitors from the Wasatch Front, have become one of the few resources available for Wayne County. The Market is one of the ways we should capitalize on this resource. We have been discovered and we can't be undiscovered. Let's do our best to make Lemonade.
5. Making the Public Restrooms at the Torrey Town Park available to use during the Market is a good solution and option. Until a better solution can be devised, this is the correct and proper use of a Public Restroom. I believe Torrey Town receives enough Special Event Sales Tax to easily cover the cost of maintenance for this. In addition, this should lessen the impact on the bathrooms of Center and Main Street Businesses.

In closing, if you want to discuss Road Safety, then be sure that every Torrey Business is treated the same with similar rules and restrictions. What you require from the Market should be required by other Torrey Businesses, both brick and mortar, as well as mobile.

Thank you for making the correct decision by keeping the Market at 10 N. Center Street.

Ben Jackson
Ben's Hens
Fremont, Utah

Torrey Farmers Market

From : Bev King <bkin100@hotmail.com>

Fri, Mar 01, 2024 03:54 PM

Subject : Torrey Farmers Market**To :** contact@torreyutah.gov

Torrey Town Council & Mayor,

I really enjoy going the Farmers Market in Torrey. How lucky we who live in Wayne County are, to have such an event and the present side street is the perfect place for it to be held. It seems to me that the location allows for visitors as well as locals to attend and in return shop at the businesses right there too. My family when they visit me always want to go to the Farmers Market, that way they can shop and say hello to the venders and neighbors we regularly see there.

I hope a decision to keep the present location for the Torrey Farmers Market will be upheld. Cannot imagine it being anywhere else!

Much appreciated,
Bev King.

farmers market comments

From : bsa@xmission.com

Tue, Mar 05, 2024 04:48 PM

Subject : farmers market comments**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov

March 5, 2024

Dear Torrey Town Council:

I would like to give some background regarding the Torrey Farmers market.

In the early 2,000s I was fortunate to work with a non-profit board tasked with marketing Wayne County tourism. We were very successful, growing our budget from around \$85,000 to around \$325,000. When our five year contract was up for renewal, the County took over the program, leaving us with a highly functioning board of directors. We discussed how we might move forward, filling a need for our growing community. A method of uniting our businesses came up as a positive use of our skills. Thus, the Wayne County Business Association was born.

We came up with short term and long term goals. A pedestrian/bike path was one, and promoting a farmers market was another. With the inspiration from Randy Ramsley we embarked on this program. This has proven to be a success, providing the public with great local food, a social event, and opportunities for local small businesses to prosper.

When issues such as safety came up they were solved creatively by good management and dedicated volunteers. As compared with the burger truck

parked in the Chuckwagon parking lot on most summer evenings, pedestrians are much safer off the highway during the four hour Saturday market.

Recently a few people have decided to resent the success of the market. This negative attitude seems to emanate from Jamie Austin's afternoon garage drinking parties around the corner. Last summer this devolved into alcohol infused bullying and physical confrontation. Thankfully, cooler heads prevailed, and no one was hurt.

I have had a recent conversation with Sherri Clark about the market's effect on the Chuckwagons' business. She cited several negative effects: customer and employee parking; vendor use of their dumpster; restroom usage; making change for customers to spend at the market; and safety of pedestrians. These are all valid issues. She suggested

moving the market to the city park just around the corner.
Most comments that I have heard or read feel that the current location provides the best visibility for tourists to notice the market. While this issue of visibility to tourists is an important concern, if the market was located at the park I believe it could be solved with signage as other communities have. Proper sandwich boards at both ends of town as well as good signage at 1st East could overcome the problem. We locals will find the market. The parking problem could be taken care of by using the church parking lot. The other negative effects on the Chuckwagon would go away as well. With more room we might even expand to include prepared food stalls. As the market has developed over the years many volunteers have stepped up to resolve issues. The creative energy that has gotten us this far could make the market even better.
Sincerely; Brian Swanson

Future of the Farmers Market

From : Chip Ward <wardchip@hotmail.com>
Subject : Future of the Farmers Market
To : karen@torreyutah.gov

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 08:31 AM

Please share the following with the Mayor and Council members. Thanks.

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I understand the town council is considering the future of the Farmers Market, My family uses the market regularly and I believe it is a great benefit to the community.

The Farmers Market is a place to meet friends and neighbors who we might not encounter otherwise. Judging from the vigorous conversations and social interactions we witness there, we are not alone. The Farmers Market acts as a bonding agent for the community. It is also popular with the town's many visitors and tourists.

We also depend on the market as an irreplaceable source of nutritious homegrown food. For those vendors supplying that food, it is an important income source. For those selling their crafts, it is a way to share their products without the burden of expensive overhead. You could call the market an entrepreneurial incubator.

I understand that Shari and Mike are concerned about the negative impact of the Farmers Market on their Chuckwagon business, I respect them and believe they are credible, so I take them at their word. However, it is hard to believe that the inconvenience of having the Farmers Market nearby once a week compares to having the Capitol Burger truck in their parking lot several times per week.

The current location seems ideal. If a new location must be found, I believe this is a problem that can be solved. We have a large park with lots of space for parking and vendors. The Mercantile has an expansive parking lot.

There is also a concern about traffic and safety. I am sure this is also a problem that can be solved. Many other communities have similar concerns about special events but have managed them well. This past summer there was a shameful act of violence by individuals opposed to the market. In any other community, there would have been arrest or litigation. It is a testament to the good and forgiving nature of our community that those remedies were not used, However, intimidation is an act that responsible public officials should guard against. A vocal minority willing to engage in inappropriate confrontation should not be allowed to thwart the wishes of the rest of us.

I am confident the council has the intelligence, skills, and good intent to work out solutions that may not be perfect but are reasonable and acceptable.

Torrey Farmers' Market

From : Christoph Luty <lutys@earthlink.net>

Thu, Feb 29, 2024 07:48 AM

Subject : Torrey Farmers' Market**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov

Dear Torrey Town Council members,

I am writing to urge you to please vote "yes" to keeping the Torrey Farmers' Market at its current location on Center Street.

The current location has high visibility and easy access for tourists, which vendors have told me is vital to the success of the market.

Since the market is currently on Town property, it generates special event sales tax revenue, which helps everyone. I also personally believe that the Center and Main businesses benefit from the increased visitor presence around the market.

Other potential locations for the market have been discussed, but these all have flaws which would likely result in the demise of the market, due either to lack of public visibility (for visitors) or parking problems. I strongly feel that the current location is the only one that is workable, and any concerns from opponents can be worked out through mutual discussion in good faith. If there are concerns about excessive visitor bathroom use at Center and Main businesses, the public bathrooms at the town park could be opened, with signs to direct the public there. It seems the special event sales tax collected at the market would be enough to cover this small expense. Similarly, any concerns about pedestrian and car traffic on Center Street, or potential parking issues, could also be addressed, as was shown by the efforts by the market last summer. If those efforts were considered to be inadequate, that can be discussed. Those of us who support the market are willing to work together in a peaceful, non-violent fashion to help alleviate any concerns.

I believe the Torrey Farmers' Market presents the best that Torrey has to offer for everyone. As a full-time Torrey resident, for me it is so much more than just a venue to buy local food—it is also a chance to catch up with friends in a fun atmosphere, chat with the local food producers and crafts-people, hear some music, and talk with visitors (who overwhelmingly love the market and are glad they "saw the tents" when they passed by on Main Street). It is a welcome and inviting weekly "public square" for locals and visitors alike—it would be a shame if it didn't survive.

Christoph Luty - Torrey

Support for Farmers Market

From : David Hart <onthereef1@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 04, 2024 05:23 PM

Subject : Support for Farmers Market**To :** Karen@torreyutah.gov

Wayne County Farmers Market

I wanted to write in support of the location of the Farmers Market. By being just off the main street thru town the Farmers Market is able to be seen by tourist traveling thru town with minimum traffic issues. We locals also benefit because it is not out of the way and out of mind. I sometimes forget about the market on Saturdays but as soon as I see it, I am reminded. While I do not shop there every Saturday, the location makes such shopping easy and convenient. I am also sure that many local vendors appreciate the extra income that the Farmers Market provides, and that their earnings likely go right back into the community. This is just one of many ways that Torrey benefits from the Farmers Market.

Sincerely,

David Hart

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Re: Farmers Market

From : Dawn House <dawnhouse39@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 11:09 AM

Subject : Re: Farmers Market

To : contact@torreyutah.gov

Dawn House, 75 N. Center Street.

We live across the street from the Farmer's Market, and have always supported vendors selling food and wonderful homemade goods. I have repeatedly told residents that they are welcome to park in the shade of my trees, as some are reluctant to do so. I also have invited vendors to stop at my home after the Market closes to enjoy some refreshments. Please allow the Market to continue at its current location -which is much safer than when it was located on Main Street. Its current location is safe and desirable. Thank you.

March 2, 2024
Torrey Town Council

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a local business-Gallery 24-here in Wayne County, (formerly in Torrey) and a former vendor of flowers at the Farmers' Market. What a delight it is to do business here in town and although selling at the Farmers' Market takes a lot of effort to set up, interaction with the tourists and the locals alike is super fun.

The location of the Farmers' Market is perfect-there is ample parking everywhere and all the incoming visitors can see it from Torrey's Main Street. So many people have no idea there is a Farmers' Market until they drive through town and gaze to the north. It is easy to see, park, and shop, and it is the wonderful countryside experience that folks love when they are visiting Utah.

It is my observation over the past year or so that there really only four or five folks who are taking objection to this Market location, and so far I have not heard any valid reasons. I wonder if they are just finding it difficult to accept a "change" in the local landscape. The subject of "safely" often comes up, but as far as I can see, the Market has done an over the top job of roping off the walking areas and using signage, such that no negative safety incidents have occurred-unless of course one counts the foolish behavior last season of a couple of less than sober local gentlemen.

Many thanks to you all for the work you do to keep these programs active and enjoyable. I am sure that you will know you have made a good decision after you have read so many positive letters!

Best regards,

Diane Barrett
Gallery 24, Torrey

Diane

Torrey Town Council,

3/5/24

I am a former vendor at the Farmers Market. Now I'm a customer of theirs. Their location on Center Street is the perfect location. Many vendors depend on the Farmers Market for their entire income in today's economy.

This location allows for one-stop shopping at the Farmers Market, the Chuckwagon, the Torrey Trading Post, and the Old House. These businesses add to the income of Torrey town from tourists and residents alike.

Moving to any other location would be inconvenient, cause traffic problems and parking difficulties in addition to less room for vendors. The exact number of vendors is fluid so decreasing their space makes no sense.

Tourists like being able to shop at the city center and accomplish all their needs at one area.

Diane Borgarding
192 River Rd.
Torrey, Ut.
435-491-0135

Farmer's Market

From : Diena Riddle
<circleclifffranchalpacas@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 06, 2024 04:58 PM

Subject : Farmer's Market

To : karen@torreyutah.gov

Please allow the market to continue in the spot it's at. I know it's not any more dangerous for traffic than Capitol Burger with traffic crossing.

I know people enjoy shopping at The Chuckwagon. We sure do.

I no longer am a vendor at the market but it helped me get my business get started. I pay sales tax like all vendors too.

The market gives a sense of community and an activity for our visitors too.

Please consider working out this issue.

Sincerely,

Diena Riddle

PS the WCBA does need a President, Vice President and to hold regular meetings and that could help with communication and possibly meetings with Torrey officials in the future.

From my iPhone

Support of the Wayne County Farmers Market Location

From : Fritz Van de Kamp <fritzvdk@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 04, 2024 09:03 AM

Subject : Support of the Wayne County Farmers Market
Location**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov,
torreytown@torreyutah.gov

Hello,


I want to express my support for the Wayne County Farmers Market and its current location on Center Street. Amiee, my wife, son Harris (22 months old) and I attend the market almost every weekend. We look forward to seeing our neighbors, the vendors and most of all, the Moony Wash Boys band who fundraise for a local cause. Harris is the Band's biggest fan and he loves dancing to their tunes. Regarding the Center Street location, it is ideal for attracting tourists visiting the area due to its central and visible location and it provides enough space for all of the vendors and visitors to mingle safely. The ropes which only allow people to cross at a few points and signage are sufficient precautionary measures. People and cars are used to and expected to slow down and be watchful in congested areas. Given its central and visible location, moving the Market would undoubtedly reduce attendance from visitors to the area. This in turn would cause a reduction in vendor revenue and likely lead to lower attendance of vendors and the area residents.

Ultimately the Farmers Market is a great event that brings the community and tourists together and it needs to stay on Center Street.

"If I ain't broke, don't fix it."

Regards,
Fritz Van de Kamp
186 N. Torrey Breaks Dr.
Torrey, UT 84775

Wayne County Farmers Market

From : Gray Hansen <beaverlongballer@gmail.com> Wed, Mar 06, 2024 04:29 PM
Subject : Wayne County Farmers Market 
To : karen@torreyutah.gov
Cc : jordan@torreyutah.gov

Just voicing my opinion towards the Wayne County Farmers Market.

- I know there hasn't been much say from outside the town of Torrey, but I have talked to numerous people outside of Torrey who don't dare attend the Farmers Market because the Farmers Market doesn't care about the County, ONLY the tourist dollars.
- The Farmers Market is a huge Safety hazard at its last location. Not to mention reading facebook and the ignorance and lies towards the locals. I personally feel this should be moved to a safer/private property location and try to involve the rest of the county.

Thanks,

Gray Hansen
435-421-9696

Move Farmers Market

From : Gregory Camp <camp8557@yahoo.com>

Tue, Mar 05, 2024 06:05 PM

Subject : Move Farmers Market

To : karen@torreyutah.gov

Move Farmers Market from current location on Center and Main Street. This location is a huge safety concern to children and pedestrians! It also impedes traffic.

Thank you, Greg Camp.

Regarding the Torrey Farmer's Market -- please consider

From : Heidi Mitchell <heidimitch@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 29, 2024 12:11 PM

Subject : Regarding the Torrey Farmer's Market -- please consider**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov,
torreytown@torreyutah.gov

Dear Torrey Town Council & Mayor,

I am writing to express my hope that the wonderful Torrey Farmer's Market will be able to continue at the current location. It would be such a shame to give it up!

The Farmer's Market brings life and color to Torrey (sort of like Apple Days on a Saturday afternoon). It attracts the interest of tourists — and provides a lot for locals too. Food, gifts, souvenirs, and a place to meet up with friends and vendors. It really is an awesome little event -- fun, useful in a practical way, supportive to the local economy, and again, something memorable that puts Torrey on the map for tourists in comparison to all the other towns that have nothing going on, and brings in money too.

The current location is perfect -- central and visible. I think it would do the town a huge disservice to attempt to move it somewhere else. Seems like all the vendors and all the townspeople except a very few are completely in favor of keeping it where it is, and I certainly support that. I am too. It is always very well marked with the yellow signboards and in my experience, the traffic always slows down. There is enough space for parking -- it all works extremely well.

I would think nearby local businesses would be happy that more people stop in the center of town because of the Farmer's Market -- afterwards they can easily get inspired to buy something at the Chuckwagon or the Trading Post or a Capital Burger, etc.

Please allow the Farmer's Market to continue where it's at. It would be such a loss for the town of Torrey to stick it on a back street where it would be bound to fail.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,
Heidi

Dear Town Council:

My concerns about the farmers Markey are Listed below:

It is not the responsibility of Torrey Town to provide a location for the Farmers Market, they are unaffiliated with Torrey Town.

Why aren't the Farmers Market participants paying for or leasing the space they occupy? Every other business in Torrey does including the Fourth of July vendors. The food trucks make arrangements with property owners to operate.

We have very few Farmers Market vendors that are tax paying Torrey residents.

I do not think we should have input in our town meetings from anyone other than Torrey voting and taxpaying citizens, unless we need expert subject matter from invited guests and members of the P&Z committee. Not open mike events where anyone from anywhere that has an opinion is allowed to speak.

Farmers Market should not operate a business on road right of ways. The Mayor and Town council seem to cater to and treat them as a special interest group, or a non-profit organization. They are a business for personal profit and should be treated as such.

I have personally witnessed several potential accidents that could have been fatal, including myself. At the last council meeting I attended, every council member including the Mayor, made statements about safety concerns, yet they continue to keep this going at the same location. It is not my responsibility to subsidize this event through my tax revenue. The potential lawsuit that is inevitable will make the citizens of Torrey liable, (town council and Mayor have stated safety concerns in public meeting) not the vendors, regardless of their so-called insurance.

We have outgrown the current location and do not have the infrastructure (lack of parking, foot traffic control, visibility, lack of traffic lights etc.) to support the current location.

Thanks

Jeffrey Pace

Farmers Market

From : Jen Howe <jhowe22@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 05, 2024 11:03 AM

Subject : Farmers Market**To :** Karen Mayne <karen@torreyutah.gov>

I am writing to voice my support for the Wayne County Farmers Market in general and in its current location.

The market is a wonderful social event that brings locals and tourists together, is a positive point of interest for our town and it allows vendors from as far away as American Fork to sell their products. It also allows us access to much appreciated fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, and other products.

While I understand supposed traffic safety is largely driving the conversation about the market's location, visibility from the highway is critical to the success of the market that has been operating for 9 years.

On any given day or time during the busy season, traffic can be very dangerous in that area, especially when RVs and other vehicles are parked and blocking views to turn onto or off the highway and food carts are operating. I have not noticed an increased concern during the couple of hours a week the market is operating and feel the area is very well marked.

I respectfully request that the council allow the market to continue in its current location.

Jen Howe

Torrey Farmers Market

From : Joanne Slotnik <joanne.slotnik@gmail.com> Sat, Feb 24, 2024 10:11 AM
Subject : Torrey Farmers Market
To : karen@torreyutah.gov

Good morning,

I am writing in support of the Torrey Farmers Market, which is something I and my family look forward to every summer. Where else can we access wonderful homegrown vegetables, amazing homemade bread, local eggs, and unique hand-crafted gifts? The Farmers Market serves both locals and our visitors, who always look forward to a weekend stop there.

The Market is also a lovely gathering place, an opportunity to run into friends and neighbors. It's a great spot to stop and listen to local musicians and maybe make some new acquaintances in the process. It helps develop community, something Torrey should always encourage.

I understand that some folks are concerned about the traffic. If that's a real problem, why not move the Market to the Merc parking lot? The Market would still be highly visible, but there's plenty of off-street parking there. Such a solution might also alleviate concerns of the Chuckwagon about taking away their business. In any event, competition should not be discouraged. It's a good thing for businesses to have motivation to do their very best to attract customers!

In short, as a big fan of the Farmers Market, I think the advantages of having it in Torrey vastly outweigh any legitimate concerns that folks may have. Surely we can develop a solution that will work for all.

Respectfully,
Joanne Slotnik
1360 E. Nighthawk Lane
Torrey

Torrey Farmer's Market

From : John Benson <bensonkingsland@gmail.com> Tue, Feb 20, 2024 02:01 PM
Subject : Torrey Farmer's Market
To : contact@torreyutah.gov

Torrey Town Council:

I love the Torrey Farmer's Market and I am in favor of continuing to have it in the same location on Center Street between Main and 100 East. The Torrey Farmer's Market is a great place to get fresh local produce and dairy products along with being a wonderful place to buy local art and craft pieces. The location is convenient for not only local folks but is also a central place that attracts tourists either visiting the area or passing through. Tourists often stop to see what's for sale, listen to the music and wind up getting great advice on places to explore in the area, places to eat at, or places to stay. Additionally, many local and area producers use the Farmer's Market as a major outlet for their products and to supplement their income, whether it's produce they grow or arts and crafts they create. All that and Torrey Town receives sales tax from the sales that take place at the Farmer's Market.

Please keep the Torrey Farmer's Market where it is. It's a great asset to the residents of Torrey and Wayne County and we should be proud of it!.

John Benson, 801 N. SR-24 Torrey, UT.

2 votes for Torrey Farmer's Market in current location

From : Joy Morris <joymorris29@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 06, 2024 09:26 AM

Subject : 2 votes for Torrey Farmer's Market in current location**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov

Bernie Wuestefeld and I both support leaving the Torrey Farmer's Market in it's current location on Center Street just off of highway 24 across from the Chuckwagon. We are homeowners in Torrey and long time supporters of the Farmer's Market bringing healthy local food and other products to our community and any visitors in the area. We feel the current location does that best, as well as supporting other businesses visible from Main Street, Center Street and the Farmer's Market. Such businesses are: The Chuckwagon, The Old House at Center & Main, Torrey Trading Post, Asava, Rock Reef, The Wild Rabbit, The Redrock Creamery, Shooke Coffee Roasters, Slacker's Burgers, Dark Sky Coffee, and food trucks that could be in the area, such as Capitol Burger, El Churro, and Autentico.

Sincerely, Joy Morris 81 N. 200 E. Torrey, UT

SHOPPING AT YOUR LOCAL FARMER'S MARKET

ARE THERE ANY BENEFITS?

YES THERE ARE – AND HERE ARE SOME:

FIRST AND FOREMOST,

THERE ARE NUTRITIONAL BENEFITS BECAUSE THE PRODUCE FROM A LOCAL FARMER HAS SPENT MORE TIME ON THE VINE, ON THE TREE OR IN THE GROUND – SO, YOU GET BETTER TASTE AND MORE NUTRIENTS.

WHEN IT COMES TO FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIES, THE SHORTER THE TIME AND DISTANCE FROM FARM TO SALE, THE HIGHER THE LEVELS OF VITAMINES AND MINERALS!



ALL OF THIS LEADS TO GOOD HEALTH FOR YOUR FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY, AS SAID BY MELINDA CARTER, A DIETICIAN AT JOHNS HOPKINS..

WE ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE OUR FARMERS MARKET – WE HAVE ACCESS TO AN ENTICING ARRAY OF PRODUCE, FRESH AND IN SEASON – AND A LOT MORE – THERE'S BEN'S HENS, RANDY WITH HIS BREAD AND GOAT CHEESE, THE "LEMON LADY" WITH HER PASTRIES AND FRUIT, THE BAKER OF SOURDOUGH BREAD AND OTHERS WITH THEIR "SWEETS", WE HAVE ARTISANS AND, OF COURSE, WE GET ENTERTAINED WHILE SHOPPING WITH THE SINGING OF OUR LOCAL MUSICIANS!!! WHO DONATE THEIR PROCEEDS EVERY YEAR TO OUR SCHOOLS AND/OR OUR FOOD BANK!

WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR????

THE MARKET IS A DELIGHTFUL PLACE TO SPEND THE AFTERNOON TO "MEET AND GREET" OUR FRIENDS AND GET CAUGHT UP ON "THE LATEST HAPPENINGS"!

I AM A FAN.....CAN YA TELL?

LET'S JUST GET THIS READY FOR A BIGGER AND BETTER MARKET FOR THIS YEAR!

JUDI TEASDALE

(DO GIVE ME A CALL IF I CAN HELP THIS YEAR!, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO)

Farmers Market in Torrey

From : Judith Hopkins <judehop019@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 05, 2024 05:47 PM

Subject : Farmers Market in Torrey**To :** contact@torreyutah.govExternal images are not displayed. [Display images below](#)

The Farmers Market in Torrey is an important asset to the community that extends far beyond Torrey. I count on the opportunity to obtain fresh vegetables throughout the summer. I look forward to supporting the local farmers and gardeners who come to the market with their produce. It also feels important to support local artisans.

It seems to me that the current location is ideal for attracting locals and tourists. We are talking about using that space for 2 hours a week. How inconvenient can that be?

Please find a compromise that will work for the sellers and the community who depend on them so that we can continue to benefit from having them there. By the way, coming into Torrey on a Sat. afternoon is of benefit to other businesses as I usually stop in at the Chuck Wagon for an item or two and a food establishment for a weekly eat out treat.

This is a community activity that is worth supporting.

Thank you

Namaste,

Judy &



"May the Force be With You"

Compassion is the "keen awareness of the interdependence of all things."

Thomas Merton

Input for public meeting March 6

From : Linda Wallin <edithlindawallin@yahoo.com> Tue, Feb 20, 2024 06:30 PM
Subject : Input for public meeting March 6
To : karen@torreyutah.gov

Please accept the following letter to be shared at the March 6, 2024 public meeting concerning the Wayne County Farmers Market.

Thank you,
Linda Midgley

Torrey Town Council
P.O. Box 750027
Torrey, Utah 84775

Council Members,

My husband and I have been vendors at the Wayne County Farmer's Market for the past six years. We have a small fruit farm, and have been happy to share our peaches, plums, pears and apples with visitors and residents of Wayne County during that time. With the legislative change a few years ago, we have been able to sell homemade fruit breads as well. We have greatly appreciated Torrey's willingness to host the market, and Dianna Poulton's suggestions and help.

I believe part of the market's appeal lies in its location at Center and Main. Several times visitors from outside of Utah, and even from other countries, have commented to us that they were just driving by and saw the market, so they stopped and purchased items. It is a highly visible location, and one that Wayne County residents count on each year. An added bonus of this location has been the ATM located in the store across the road. This had enabled buyers to quickly access cash for items sold by those vendors who are "cash only".

We are often asked by visitors to recommend places to eat, and things to do in the area. This location brings increased traffic to the market, and its corresponding increase in tourism dollars to Torrey and Wayne County. It is my hope that the town council will continue to sponsor the Farmer's Market in the Center and Main location.

Sincerely,

Linda Midgley

in support of the location of the Torrey Farmers' Market at Center and Main

From : Linda P. <lincper@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 26, 2024 09:25 AM

Subject : in support of the location of the Torrey Farmers' Market at Center and Main

To : karen@torreyutah.gov

2/26/2023

This is a letter (sent by email) in support of the location of the Torrey Farmers' Market.

I imagine many people will speak to the benefits of the farmer's market location at Center St. and Main St. (rt 24) in Torrey. Benefits include the food and other items we can buy there, the financial benefit to the community of the money the vendors make, and the tourist information service provided by the vendors, which is good for the other businesses in town.

I would like to speak to the benefits of a cluster of businesses to a community.

There are currently three businesses at the crossroads of Center and Main on Saturdays: the Chuck Wagon, the Old House, and the Farmers' Market. These businesses provide an attractive business cluster that draws locals and tourists to spend money in Torrey, and leaves tourists with a good impression of our town.

There is extensive research about the benefits of business clusters. None of it is directly related to towns as small as ours, but here are a couple of examples,

1) JP Morgan Chase, https://icic.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/ICIC_JPMorganChase_Report.pdf

2) Parker Avery, <https://parkeravery.com/industry-experience/retail-clustering-methods/#:~:text=Clustering%20enables%20significant%20financial%20benefits,cus tomers%2C%20across%20locations%20and%20channels>

"...Clustering enables significant financial benefits in terms of sales, margin, and inventory utilization. Further, properly executed retail clustering allows for improved customer satisfaction due to improving retailers' ability to provide the "right" mix of products for customers, across locations and channels. ..."

As a town grows, new problems develop, for instance traffic, parking, and housing, especially for seasonal workers. These problems can be solved by cooperation.

I support the farmers market at the location on rt 24 and Center St. because I support the growth of businesses in Torrey. I also support best business practices including clustering, and cooperative solutions to the problems that the growth **CAUSES**. Can you imagine what it will be like if someday we need ... a traffic light ... where rt 24 and rt 12 meet?

Torrey Town Council,

I am writing to express my support for the farmers market to remain at its current location at Center and Main. This location is highly visible, attracts tourists and locals alike, and makes for a successful market. I cannot think of a better location for attracting business. The market is an important source of income for numerous members of the community, and moving it away from this location would undoubtedly result in decreased income in an area already struggling to provide enough jobs and income to support the high cost of living. I believe the concerns regarding traffic safety and congestion as they relate to the Farmers Market are overblown. In my observation it is no more of a hazard than the shoulder parking and pedestrian traffic on SR24 associated with the Chuckwagon and Capitol Burger, and the other "downtown" business locations in Torrey during the busy season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Hodgson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a stylized "H".

Thank you for your consideration,
Luke Hodgson, Teasdale, UT.

Torrey Farmers Market

From : Lydia Berggren <c.berggren@comcast.net>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 08:38 PM

Subject : Torrey Farmers Market**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov

We write in strong support of the Wayne County Farmers' Market. We feel that not only does it provide an important outlet for local producers to sell their locally grown and prepared products, it also gives a convenient place for friends to gather and talk. We patronize it regularly. If there is a "conflict" between the Chuck Wagon and the market, we would bet that actually the benefits go both ways—people in town to buy something from the Farmers' Market often find they also need things from the Chuck Wagon and vice versa. We do see a benefit to having the market where passers by can see it and stop, so moving it away from the corner of Center and Main Streets might be a problem. We hope that it can continue to be accommodated where it is currently located, if that is what the vendors want.

In sum, we hope very much that we can work out some compromise which keeps the Market as a regular presence in Torrey. Thank you very much.

Lydia and Tom Berggren
Teasdale

Sent from my iPad

Farmers market

From : Margaret McAndrews
<maggiejanemcandrews@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 03, 2024 03:47 PM

Subject : Farmers market

To : karen@torreyutah.gov

Hello,

I am a local resident. I will not be able to attend the public meeting this Wednesday but I am writing to show my support to KEEP the current location of the farmers market so it is visible from highway 24.

Thank you

Margaret McAndrews and husband Adam Andersen

Farmer's Market

From : Mari Khoury <mari.khoury@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 08:39 AM

Subject : Farmer's Market

To : contact@torreyutah.gov

To: Torrey Town Council

From: Mari Khoury, Teasdale

Our Farmer's Market is one of the best I've seen. It's beautifully organized and has a large variety of offerings. We take our out of town guests there when it's in season and their comments have always been positive.

From a financial standpoint, it supports local vendors and provides sales tax revenue. I believe that one key to its success is that it needs to be visible from the Highway to attract as many folks as possible. As realtors say, "Location, Location, Location".

Thank you .

February 16, 2024

Torrey City Council:

I understand that you are considering some adjustments to where the Farmer Market is to be located. I'm concerned.

I have been a vendor for several years. The following are the products that I display and sell at my booth: Cherries, Apricots, Plumbs, Peaches, Pears and Apples.

The small commercial garden that I Have at Notom produces radishes, lattice, Swiss chard, cumberers, tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, winter squash, pumpkins, and melons.

Some of the fruit and vegetables that I sell are not produced in the higher elevation of Wayne County. I have many residents of the county buy products at my booth.

The first site for the Farmer Market was on the west end of town by the Entrada Book Store. Hardly anyone stopped. I didn't even make enough money to buy gas to get my products from Notom to Torrey. After two years I quit. A while after that I noticed that a new Farmers Market had started on Highway 24 between the Chuck Wagon and the LDS Church Building. I found out the Dianne Poulson was the director. I contacted her and became a vendor. I did quite well there. When it was moved again to its present location, I was worried. However, I had no reason to worry. I have done even better where it is now.

I believe that the reason the Farmers Market is doing so well at its present location is because it is located close to several other businesses. It seems that each business helps contribute to the success of other businesses close by. When I sell peaches, I often tell the customer that peaches are even better with ice cream. Quite often I see that customer walk toward the store or the ice cream shop. Another benefit is that when there are several businesses within walking distance, tourists will spend more money in the town.

Leaving the Farmers Market where it is, will benefit Torrey, other businesses, and the Farmers Market.

I would like to thank the Torrey Town Council for supporting The Farmers Market.

Sincerely,
McLean Durfey

Farmers Market

From : Mike Harman <harman@xmission.com>

Mon, Mar 04, 2024 08:37 PM

Subject : Farmers Market**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov**Cc :** torreytown@torreyutah.gov

Greetings,

My family and I own the home and property located at 22 East Main, the Lee home, which includes the Big Apple as well. We strongly support the current location for the Farmers Market. We recognize the disruption to Highway 24 traffic, but it seems that the efforts made by the market to mitigate that disruption have helped. Parking is an ongoing issue, but more signage to encourage participants to park at the LDS Church or 100 north may help as well. We hope that an amicable solution can be developed that does not involve moving the Farmers Market.

Sincerely

Mike Harman

Torrey Town Market

From : celebrate life <celebratejoy@yahoo.com>

Mon, Feb 19, 2024 11:36 AM

Subject : Torrey Town Market**To :** contact@torreyutah.gov**Reply To :** celebrate life <celebratejoy@yahoo.com>**Sent:** Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 11:26 AM**Subject:** Torrey Town Market

Greetings!

In light of the upcoming town council meeting March 6th I wanted to send some comments beforehand.

Q: Should we KEEP the town market?

A: A resounding YES YES YES!!!!

Q: Why??

A: 1. It provides HEALTHY wholesome FOOD for locals and tourists alike. I actually DEPEND on the produce for health reasons, during the summer because it is the best you can get in the county I believe!!

2. It's SUPPORTS the local growers in terms of income.

3. It provides an INCENTIVE for local growers because they have a place to market their goods!!

4. It provides income in TAX REVENUE for the county between the food and crafts sold at the market.

5. It ENHANCES the rural atmosphere and charm of Torrey for the thousands of visitors we get per year.

6. It provides a WHOLESOME SOCIAL meeting place for residents!! As a mental health specialist I'm aware that it is well documented that people NEED socialization outlets! The Saturday AFTERNOON timing for the market allows people to gather who might not gather if the events are at night (me for one!)

Q. Should the market be kept in its current location on Center Street?

A. YES!

1. It is easily visible for tourists to SEE and within walking distance of many locals.

2. With the new SAFETY plan in place as of last summer, Center street is still drivable for cars and safer for attendees because of the orange barriers that separate the street from the "walkway" of the market. In addition town volunteers are helping with the safety issue by monitoring this walkway.

3. Some have suggested the Town Park as a possible location. It will NOT be as visible to tourists, therefore losing a HUGE amount of income for the local growers and merchandisers who display at the market.

I hope these comments are read and incorporated into the town council's decision making process regarding the Saturday market!!

Thank you and best regards!

Nancy Bradish, LCSW
Homeowner, full-time resident
124 N. Sand Creek Road, Torrey

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Farmers' Market

From : Nancy Roth <nightingalerun@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 05, 2024 07:31 PM

Subject : Farmers' Market**To :** Karen Mayne <karen@torreyutah.gov>**Cc :** contact@torreyutah.gov, mdw474@gmail.com

Members of the Town Council and Mayor Wright,

I am writing as a Torrey property owner in support of the current Farmers' Market location on Center Street. This location provides the best visibility, and therefore the most potential for sales and outreach for the vendors and businesses who participate. This location is easily accessible by foot or bicycle from much of town, and draws spontaneous attendees from passing visitors on Highway 24.

Unfortunately we are a culture of convenience, and relocating the Market would cut down significantly on out-of-town visitor traffic, thereby negatively impacting community businesses. Safety and traffic concerns can be mitigated by signage and enforcement of speed limits. Restroom concerns could be addressed with an additional porta-potty and/or opening the public bathrooms during the Market.

In addition, I would request that Councilman Pace be asked to recuse himself from any voting on this matter given his harassing behavior towards a Market volunteer last season regarding this exact issue.

In community,
Nancy Roth

Torrey Farmer's Market

From : Patricia Priebe <patriciapriebe7@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 15, 2024 03:55 PM

Subject : Torrey Farmer's Market

To : karen@torreyutah.gov

February 15, 2024

Torrey Town Council

I am writing in support of the Torrey farmer's market. I am strongly in favor of leaving the location of the market where it now is held.

I go to every farmer's market in Torrey that I can. I pick up fruit, vegetables, bread, jewelry, soap, etc. I also find many friends and neighbors there and catch up with them. I enjoy watching people listen to the music, smiling and sometimes singing along. The current location is perfect for those passing through Torrey to stop and purchase the same things I do. It is a joyful time.

Changing the location of the farmer's market would be a big mistake. It occurs once a week for about three hours during the season. A little inconvenience is minimal compared to the economic and social benefits for the vendors, shoppers and the Town of Torrey itself.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Priebe-Swanson

2/15/24

Dear Torrey Town Council,

Our family has been Torrey property owners for 50 years.

We really enjoy going to the Torrey Market both for the farmer's wonderful produce and products as well as just to socialize in a casual setting. I think it's a great benefit to the community.

The location is perfect for access as well as a nice "Torrey welcome" to "regulars" as well as to the casual tourist. Having public access to restrooms is also a nice (and sometimes necessary!) service. Thank you,

Peggy Halch

farmer's market

From : Randy <mesafarm@mesafarmmarket.com>

Mon, Mar 04, 2024 04:49 PM

Subject : farmer's market

To : karen@torreyutah.gov

I am a farmer and I use the Saturday market to boost, significantly, my sales. Location is essential to a successful market. I am certain that the market will loose business if you choose to change the location away from the center of Torrey.

Thanks

Randy Ramsley

Mesa Farm

3/1/24

Dear Torrey Town Counsel,

I'm writing to express my support of the Wayne County Farmers Market that has been located on Center Street in Torrey, Utah to continue at the same location.

I am a self-employed artist living in Wayne County and attended the farmers market on most Saturdays last summer (2023). It was an excellent way to get to meet the local community, have access to local and amazing food and also support other vendors at the market. It was well attended and I sold many works to locals and visitors from all over the world.

The Center Street location allows for visitors to be visually welcomed to the community focused vending, entertainment and socialization of Wayne County.

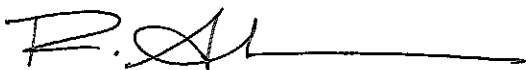
It makes sense that the Main Street is zoned mixed use and can be utilized for a communal gathering place like the farmers market. The location is visually appealing, with shade in the afternoons and has been maintained in a neat and organized way.

I know that other vendors, including myself, depend on the income of the farmers market and if the location was changed to somewhere not visible from the highway, sales would go down significantly.

Please consider continuing to support the Wayne County Farmers market in your beautiful and nostalgic town.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rebekka Anderson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Anderson', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Torrey Farmer's Market

From : Reda Herriott <torreytown@hotmail.com>

Sat, Mar 02, 2024 09:57 AM

Subject : Torrey Farmer's Market**To :** contact@torreyutah.gov

What is a Farmer's Market.. For me and many others it is a place to purchase local goods and services of quality and known source and close to where I live. This has become of utmost importance. We can read almost every day of some food or product that has been recalled for defective or dangerous production.

This last summer I visited the Santa Fe Farmer's Market, The Boulder Colorado Market and last but not least the Sheridan, Wyoming market. I learned many new ideas and had a great experience at all three markets. But always my favorite market is the one in. my town. I can remember when it was tiny and we only had one Farmer... Dear Randy... And to see how it has blossomed is truly inspiring.

I believe its present location is certainly the best to gather the most and best use. Visibility is everything to let people know about its existence. From a financial perspective, I understand that the town receives tax revenue. For local businesses, I personally always stop at the Chuckwagon for many items on the Saturday of Farmer's Market. I have been a strong supporter of all local business over 30 years even knowing products might be more expensive.

Kind Regards, Reda Herriott

Farmers Market Location should remain where it is!

From : Renee Fitzpatrick <rfingarden@gmail.com> Wed, Feb 14, 2024 08:47 AM
Subject : Farmers Market Location should remain where it is!
To : contact@torreyutah.gov

It's the ideal location. Easy to see and get to. It's a walkable distance for many. Parking is available. Center is nice and wide so there is room to roam and visit.

It's a nice familiar atmosphere for locals and guests a like.

Thank you.
Renee Fitzpatrick

Please Keep the Farmers' Market at the 10 North Center Street Location

From : Richard Fairbanks <lists@F-P-I.com>

Tue, Feb 27, 2024 02:04 PM

Subject : Please Keep the Farmers' Market at the 10 North
Center Street Location

To : Karen <karen@torreyutah.gov>

Hi, Karen!

Please consider this my vote of support for keeping the
Farmers' Market at the current, 10 North Center Street, location.

It is the most convenient and most highly visible location
available and is not a hazard to anyone. The wonderful and local
vendors who expend their time and effort to share their hard
work and goods with the public deserve our support.

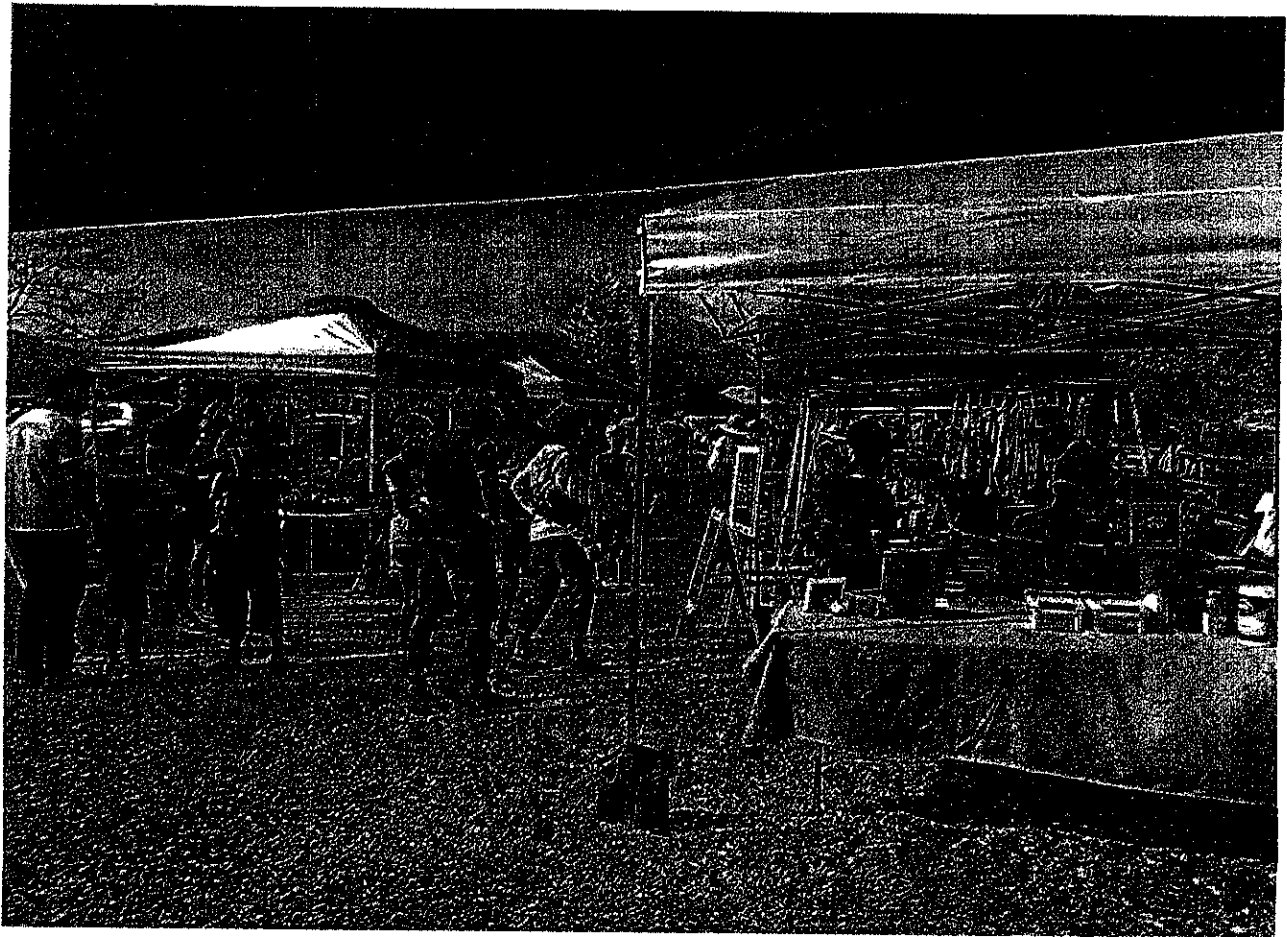
Blessings, and thank you for your attention to this matter!,

Richard Fairbanks
P.O. Box 401
Torrey, UT 84775-0401

Torrey Town Council March 6, 2024

RE: Wayne County Farmers Market

I am writing to discuss the status of the Farmers Market here in Torrey. I became associated with it when I saw a person out there on her own trying to get all the signs up by herself. I decided to help when I saw that commitment to whatever it was. Dianna started it from nothing over 10 years ago and did everything right to get the permits and meet all the requirements state and local to give local people an opportunity to vend their wares in a tiny Farmer's Market. It has grown into a significant weekend event for our Town with many benefits.



We are a tourist town. That won't change. The market as well as local businesses rely on tourism. Of course, we are happy to take tourist money, but the Wayne Farmers Market is much more than that. Perhaps the council is not aware of all that I have observed, being a vendor at the market now.

This market is unique with the musicians that play each week. It makes it a town event, a party, a celebration for visitors and locals. It has built a strong community that brings out

The vendors are hardworking and dedicated. The area is clean and not junky. It's family friendly. Many of the vendors have now become formal business owners in the area and contribute richly to the local economy. Many of the vendors supply town businesses with produce and gifts for their restaurants and shops. It provides an outlet that nothing else does. Everyone benefits.

How is anyone harmed by a simple group of vendors occupying half of a town block for 4 hours? REALLY??? The products sold don't interfere with any of the local businesses and add a touch of excitement for all visitors that stimulates activity all over town. The established location and consistent hours make it something everyone can count on.

Please leave it where it is and support it like the wonderful attraction it has become. Anything else is just naïve and short sighted.

Sincerely

Rick Holt

Torrey Utah.

Farmer's market

From : Rosann Volmert <dr.volmert@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 06, 2024 05:51 PM

Subject : Farmer's market**To :** contact@torreyutah.govExternal images are not displayed. [Display images below](#)

I am writing in support of keeping the farmer's market at the current location on Center st. It is an excellent location to attract tourists who want to buy local. I have been a vendor at the market for 10 years and strongly feel that it is a safe and effective location. This location will ensure the greatest success for the market which is important to our community. This market provides income to many who run small businesses in this county. A successful market will continue to support these businesses and provide food and crafts that augment what the other wonderful businesses in Wayne county offer. In order for the market to be successful it needs the added income from tourists so that it will continue to serve both vendors and shoppers locally. The Center st location is the best location to ensure this.

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Letter in support of the Farmers Market

From : Sarah Tal <sarahtal@yahoo.com>

Mon, Mar 04, 2024 07:49 AM

Subject : Letter in support of the Farmers Market**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov

To Torrey Town Council members,

I am writing in support of the Farmers Market. I look forward to the market season each summer, and Torrey's market has prompted me to seek out other farmers markets when I travel. For tourists, visiting markets like Torrey's is a fun and supportive way of exploring a new place and its people and values. As a local, I'm able to cut my grocery bill while having healthy, local food and supporting my neighbors and friends. I also try to support the array of outstanding local artists, and I now have a fun collection of framable notecards that reflect Torrey's uniqueness. Each summer I treat myself to a super cool carved wooden utensil.

While my ideal choice for the location of the Farmers Market would be back on Main Street as it was several years ago, I would hate to see it moved from its current location on Center and Main. That is the natural center of town, and the location encourages market shoppers to wander over to The Chuckwagon, The Old House, the restaurants just to the east, and the town park.

From what I've seen firsthand, the safety precautions are ample, and the drivers have been watchful and respectful.

I love the Farmers Market and it's just one more wonderful thing about living in Torrey.

Thank you,

Sarah Tal
87 W. Main, Torrey

FW: Farmers Market input --- From Shari Clark

From : mdw474@gmail.com

Tue, Mar 05, 2024 06:50 PM

Subject : FW: Farmers Market input --- From Shari Clark**To :** 'Torrey Town Council'
<towncouncil@torreyutah.gov>

All,

This is from Shari Clark, and I had a good conversation with her yesterday. Below is the motion that she is referring to from the June 2023 town council meeting.

Pearl Thorndal-Stewart made a proposal to require that the Farmers Market double up their barrier rope to keep pedestrians in the right of way and place crossing lifeguards on both corners to help guide the visitors. With these conditions and the help of Wayne County and the Farmers Market, Torrey Town Council will keep our commitment until a better, safer location can be identified. Pat Kearney seconded the motion.

Yay votes: Mayor Wright, Pearl Thorndahl-Stewart, and Pat Kearney. Nay votes- Doug Robinson and Jordan Pace. The Motion passed 3 yay-2 nay.

Thanks,
Mickey

From: sheri clark <torreyclarks@yahoo.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4:43 PM**To:** Mickey Wright <mdw474@gmail.com>; pat@torreyutah.gov**Subject:** Farmers Market input

Dear Torrey Town Board

I am sending this letter in regards to the issue of the Farmers Market remaining on center street. I am surprised this has become a topic once again since it was voted on last year when it became an issue. The Board voted that the Farmers Market could remain on Center street for the remainder of the year, but felt it was a dangerous, crowded area and needed to be relocated. It has been since October since the market ended and it is now time to start again and now you have it back on the table. What has changed since last season?

First of all, I personally do not want the Farmers Market to end!! It has grown over the years and it is a highlight for everyone during the summer/fall months. It benefits many in the county and beyond. I feel there is a better place to hold this event besides Center Street. Here are my concerns

1) There is not enough parking. The parking is taking up the highway, and center street. This causes problems with my business. We do not have enough parking for our own customers let alone parking for employees. Yes, we do benefit from the influx of people at the market, but we also lose business. We have lots of customers come in after Saturday and said they were planning on stopping in to purchase items, but there wasn't parking, so they went elsewhere.

2) Safety for the people with all the congestion. I instruct all of our employees on Saturday to back into the parking spot (if there is one) When we try to leave during the market, people do not pay attention to what is going on around them. People stand in the middle of the road, they do not watch their kids. I would hate to see

someone get ran over from all of the congestion on center street. Also more likely than not the little green men in the middle of the highway warning people to slow down has been hit and are in the driving lanes of the highway. The cars parking on both sides of the street and the little green men make Highway 24 very dangerous.

- 3) There is a bathroom issue. We have provided porta potties at our own expense because our septic system cant handle all of the people lined up to use our bathroom. Therefore we shut our own bathrooms down to deal with the influx of people, That is not fair for us or our customers. Personally, if there is an option of a porta potty or a clean bathroom in a building, I am using the one in a building as does everyone else.
- 4) We have people come in to solicit us for change. The Chuckwagon is not a bank. We have what we need to get us through the weekend. We shouldn't have to worry about keeping enough for the Farmers Market also.
- 5) The market vendors also use our dumpster, although we have signs for "chuckwagon use only"

I think the park would be optimal for everyone. For many reasons

- 1) It is only 1/2 block up from where it is already being held. It will get the parking off the highway and the congestion off center and main. There are bathrooms with running water and real toilets. There is the excuse that it cant be there because the pavilion gets rented out. I have never seen a sign at the park telling anyone that it is closed during times when the pavilion is rented. It is still available to be used by others. If the renters had this info ahead of time, I feel it would still be rented by the ones wanting to rent it.
- 2) The Farmers Market has a following and I do not see any reason people wouldn't go there because it was 1/2 of a block up from the Center street location.
- 3) The grass and trees are inviting and would make it a more enjoyable area to hang out and experience the market.
- 4) It would solve my bathroom issue, parking issue, dumpster issue, safety issue, change issue.
- 5) And most importantly. It is safe and away from the highway.

I know that the huge majority of the public and market goers do not see a problem with it being held on center street. Why would they be concerned by anything I have discussed in this letter? It doesn't affect them! But it does have an impact on my business.

I would love to see it continue and grow! Move it to the park. Or somewhere else that is big enough. Come together as a town and promote it at a safer area. Put up nice, permanent sign advertising the event all season so people are aware that its always there with a nice accommodating area for the event.

Thank you for your time and addressing our concerns with this issue.

Sheri Clark

Please forward this to other board members.

Steve and Shari Zinik
PO Box 750124
Torrey, UT 84775-0124

February 16, 2024

Torrey Town Council
PO Box 750027
Torrey, UT 84775

Town Council Members and Mayor Wright,

I would like this opportunity to address some issues currently under review related to the Wayne County Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market is a real and valuable asset in the success of Torrey Town, its many local farmers and small businesses, and the promotion of tourism in offering a family friendly venue for shopping, entertainment and comradery. The current location affords perfect exposure for the market as tourists travel Hwy 24 to and from Capitol Reef and the intersection to Scenic Byway 12. Moving the market to another less visible location would be a detriment not only to the Farmer's Market itself but also to the local small businesses that reap the benefit of the foot traffic generated by people stopping and spending time in Torrey rather than simply passing through. For locals, such as myself and my husband, we attend the market every week and are grateful for the fresh produce and other sundry items that cannot be found elsewhere in Wayne County. It also serves as an enjoyable meeting place with friends and promotes profound positive relationships between locals and tourists which is a huge factor in Torrey's small town charm and reputation as a fun and friendly gathering place.

With regard to the public restrooms by the town park, it is without question a logical step for the town to open the restrooms during the market and provide an essential service for the local and tourist communities. The town currently does not offer a solution to the issue of public restrooms and therefore the burden is shifted unfairly to surrounding businesses who not adequately equipped for the volume of people. Having restrooms available would encourage people to linger longer, spend more money and explore what Torrey Town has to offer. It's a win/win for the local economy as well as free advertising for the town and Capitol Reef.

Thank you for allowing the public to comment on this situation prior to decisions being made. We all benefit from the Farmer's Market, whether it be from a private standpoint or a tool for the advancement of tourism, and we look forward to it continuing and flourishing.

Sincerely,

Shari and Steve Zinik

Farmer's Market

From : Stephen Trimble <steve@stephentrimble.net> Thu, Feb 29, 2024 09:49 AM
Subject : Farmer's Market 1 attachment
To : contact@torreyutah.gov

Good morning—

I wanted to voice my strong support for leaving the Farmer's Market where it is. As locals, we plan our Saturdays to make sure we make it to the Market before closing. We see folks we don't often see, and we are pleased to support the craftsmen and farmers. It's a major added pleasure to life in Torrey in the summer.

The location matters hugely to non-local visitors. Tourists remember Torrey for its colonnade of cottonwoods, and they clearly are delighted to find the Market in full swing on Main Street. They are much more likely to stop when they can see it.

The traffic issues are minor—just one block is impacted, and for only a couple of hours a week. The benefits clearly outweigh this small inconvenience.

No change is necessary. The Farmer's Market has become an integral part of summer in Torrey. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

all best—and thank you for your commitment to public service,

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Torrey Town Council meeting—March 6, 2024.

I'm writing to express my support for keeping the Wayne County Farmer's Market at it's current location on Center Street.

I'm retired and I primarily sell because it allows me to plant a large garden and have very little waste (I inherited the gardening condition from my mother). However, for many of the vendors this is a substantial part of their business. Vendors come from all parts of the County and from places outside the County. When the Market moved to Center Street, I noticed the number of shoppers increased. In fact at the current location, I routinely sell out. Granted I don't bring large quantities of produce but I also don't have to take any home. I firmly believe this is the best location in Torrey and in Wayne County for the Market.

If there is a hub in Torrey this area is it. It's within walking distance of several businesses including food trailers and it offers parking near the Market. It's also very visible from Highway 24 which is key. A unique thing about this Market, is that it's only open from 4pm to 6pm one day a week.

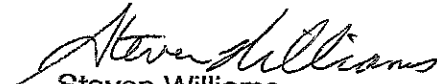
This Market provides a valuable service to residents of the County and has substantial business from people outside the County, State, and even Country. In addition to fresh produce, the Market has an amazing assortment of crafts, food products and items too numerous to list. You have to go there to fully appreciate the variety.

One notable benefit from the Market, are the efforts of the Mooney Wash Boys Band. Each year, at the end of the Market, they donate the tips they received to County entities such as Teasdale Historical Society, Food Bank, Color Country Animal Welfare, just to name a few. These tips are substantial.

I implore the Torrey Town Council to keep the Wayne County Farmer's Market at it's current location.

Thank you for allowing me to submit these comments.

Respectfully,


Steven Williams
Teasdale (Fish Creek)

Wayne County Farmers' Market location

From : Susan <rossjack@comcast.net>

Sun, Mar 03, 2024 11:35 AM

Subject : Wayne County Farmers' Market location**To :** karen@torreyutah.gov,
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I have been a vendor at the Wayne County Farmers' Market for the past two seasons. It has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for me as a newcomer to the area. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know locals who I expect I will have lasting relationships with, as well as conversing with tourists from around the world who have come to partake in the astonishing beauty of our area.

I love the location of the market and think that many tourists stop because of its visible and convenient central location. In fact many tourists remark that they just happen to be driving by or walking by and stop when they see our little market. Not only do the tourists look at and purchase goods, but they often ask for information about local restaurants, shops, etc. I personally have guided people to local businesses including the Chuckwagon when they ask about food, drinks or cash. I suspect that the Chuckwagon benefits substantially by having tourists stop in this location. One concerning issue is that of safety, but we seem to have addressed that issue by putting up highly visible barriers which keeps pedestrians safe and slows down motor traffic. It would be even more safe if we could do as other communities do and block off that area from through traffic for the two hours that the market is open.

It seems unfair that because a few people don't like the location of the two hour/week market that it should be moved when most people in the community love the current location. I am hoping that we can keep the Wayne County Farmers' Market in its current location.

Sincerely,

Susan Tamowski
Teasdale, Utah

My wife and I support keeping the Wayne County Farmers' Market in its present location. My brother and his spouse were visiting our beautiful Torrey last summer and they were amazed at the positive feelings received from visiting the market and how it enhanced the Torrey experience of small town rural life. We have the same feelings every time we visit the market. Keep the setting; it is ideal.

Respectfully,

T. Lovato

Teasdale

To the Torrey Town Council:

My name is Tom Patton and I am writing concerning the location topic of the Wayne County Farmers Market to be covered by your council. My wife Susan and I reside in a house on SR 12, and she has had a booth at the market for the past 2 years with which I assist. We have enjoyed our experience at the market, an experience that has enabled us to meet both other residents and tourists from all over. In addition we have found the location to be one of the main factors in both the success of Susans booth and the overall success of the market. The location is central to the town and businesses catering to tourists, so both the customers and we and fellow market vendors benefit from this. In addition I feel said businesses surely have to also benefit from those seeing a market who might otherwise not stop. "Farmers Market" conveys fresh produce, other foods and wares not normally found in such a remote setting to travelers in this remote setting. For comparison there is a Farmers Market tent erected in a vacant lot on the outskirts of Richfield. While I'm sure there are good wares to be had there, the setting is not even close in a feel good ambiance to what we have here in downtown Torrey. We should all appreciate that we can in fact hold our market in such a great setting.

Knowing there is opposition to this location with the main opposition being public safety, I would pass along the following: I am retired from a career in large international resort operations where I was both a risk manager and on the executive safety committee. In both capacities I was charged with scrutinizing each and every factor in a wide range of public use settings, in other words I was involved in dialing in on every detail regarding the risk to the public/guests. This has provided me with a unique perspective on assessing said safety concerns. With that said, I can assert with confidence that I never saw any significant or even minor safety issue during my time at my wifes booth at the Farmers Market present location, an amount of time that covered most days there over the past 2 years. The traffic warnings and pedestrian controls implemented last year worked great, so much so that the infrequent passing vehicles were moving slower than a walking pace.

In conclusion, I cannot imagine a better location for this great market in a tourism dependent town, and I cannot fathom any reasons to not continue to stage it there. Bottom line, we are fortunate to be able to stage our market at the current location.

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Farmer's Market Location

From : Trevor McEntire <trevmcentire@yahoo.com>

Mon, Mar 04, 2024 09:20 PM

Subject : Farmer's Market Location

To : karen@torreyutah.gov,
torreytown@torreyutah.gov

Torrey Town,

This purpose of this email is to show my support of the current location of the Wayne County Farmer's Market. We won't be able to attend the meeting on March 6th, so please consider this email from property owners in Wayne County.

We own a house in Teasdale that operates as a Short Term Rental and our guests visit the market each week, if our family isn't in town to visit ourselves. The Farmer's Market is our favorite weekly event.

Center and Main is the best spot in the county for the market. Our three kids play on the rope swing while we shop at the market. The location is central and perfect for local vendors, visitors and residents.

Thank you,

Trevor and Maddie McEntire
801-739-4547

Torrey town council,

02/27/2024

Hello! I am writing voice my concerns about changing the location of the farmers market. The location at Center and Main has been a super great location for selling my products. I am Valerie Carter from Wild Silk Soap Co. We have enjoyed participating in the farmers market. The location on Center and Main is so much fun, it is in the perfect spot for visibility and to bring the tourist dollars into our market. I also think it's a big benefit to the Capital Burger the chuckwagon store, the old house, the trading post and other surrounding businesses. The farmers Market draws more people into the area. When those tourists and locals are done shopping the farmers market, they frequent these other businesses as well. That part of town has always been the main gathering place. In my mind it is just logical to keep it where it is located on center and main. It has all the amenities we need, benches for people to gather, a nice place for the band to play and benches for people to sit in front of the band and enjoy the music. Long before I became a vendor at the Torrey farmers market I was a customer, and this location is what caught my eye in the beginning drew me in and made going to the farmers market a regular activity on Saturday afternoon for my husband and I there's not a lot to do in the little town of Torrey and the farmers market is definitely a highlight. I hope you'll consider what I'm saying and realize that I've sold my products in a lot of different places and location is key to success. As a small business owner I look for venues that have great success so it's worth my while. This location in Torrey on center and Main has all the components for a great farmers market location. Clearly I'm hoping you'll keep the location what it is, I will continue to participate. I appreciate the people that run the market and the organization that they have achieved. It's a great farmers market in a beautiful town with unparalleled views and the kindest, nicest people. I'm honored to be a part of it.

When doing a farmers market all research suggests the number one success builder is location, location, location.

Center and Main checks all the boxes.

Thank you, Valerie Carter.

Walter Kelly
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Teasdale, Utah 84773

February 27, 2024

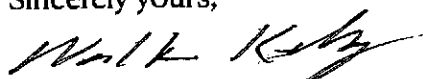
Torrey Town Council
P.O. Box 750027
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Dear Mayor Wright and Council Members,

I am writing in support of the Wayne County Farmers' Market remaining on the shoulder of Center Street, where it was last summer when the dust-up over the closing of the road occurred. The market's location on the side of Center Street is fine. It is visible from the highway, where passersby can see that something interesting is going on. Most of the businesses in town are on the highway for a reason. Any retail operation has to be visible to passersby to be successful, and the vendors at the market are viable businesses, just like the other businesses in town. Locals and visitors alike have a great time at the market, and the vendors' wide array of top-notch products is really something to see. I'm not a vendor, but I go to the market every Saturday I'm in town, spend money, enjoy the people and music, and sometimes help friends with their booths. I notice that visitors tend to notice the action, pull over, and spend money as well. I also notice that these same people often visit the other businesses nearby and spend more time and money in Torrey than they otherwise might. Moving the market off Center Street would hurt the market, and Torrey Town as well.

There really is no reason to move it, or any controversy about it that I can see, except for the vendetta driven by (sadly) a member of the Town Council, who seems to have a distaste for newcomers in the area. I presume he sees them as a threat to his personal turf. I don't think it's appropriate for public officials to use their power to push their personal agendas — but then, he's not the first and surely won't be the last.

Sincerely yours,



I would like to see the Torrey Farmers Market continue at its present location on Center Street.

I would also like to find out exactly it is that the owner(s) at the Chuck Wagon do not like about the market, besides the fact they don't like it. It seems to be time for the owners to express their concerns honestly, so that the issues can be rectified. If they are concerned about not getting business, all of our personal visitors always go over there to get drinks, things they have forgotten, and lots of things the Farmers does not have (hats, t-shirts, shoes, suntan lotion, postcards).

There have never been any problems for those of us attending the market, except when the drunk vigilantes attacked an older woman in town. I am not the recipient of this horrible event, however, I have not felt safe in this town since then. If this were a larger town, their actions would have been all over the newspaper, and people would have been requesting them to step down from the offices they hold in the city. It seems pretty deplorable when men who should know better, and should have been taught better by their parents, get away with affecting the lives of other human beings without ramifications. Please ask the 3 "boys" if their parents are proud of them.

The only problems with traffic I have seen are when people park on 24 and run across to the Chuck Wagon. Some of them park illegally, so that it's difficult to make left or right turns on Center Street to get onto 24. Perhaps we should start with fixing those issues first.

Since I am scared of the attackers, I am not, signing my name.